

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Witek, did you wish to speak to the Avery amendment?

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Hall, I see that you're busy, but I wonder if you would yield to just one question.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: If this bill is passed, this effectively strikes out the Legislature's Intergovernmental Committee and puts that under the Executive Board, correct?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR WITEK: What does this do?

SENATOR HALL: It would strip the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee, as well as those other two that we spoke to, but then by policy, we would have to adopt a policy on how we would divide up those responsibilities. We talked about that as the Executive Board and that's the portion dealing with travel and the expenses and the record keeping would fall to the Executive Board. The portions dealing with the appointments would fall to the Speaker's Office.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, so...

SENATOR HALL: So there would be a subsequent act, that being the adoption of the policy that would have to follow the stripping of this from the statutes.

SENATOR WITEK: Our Executive Board would be approving which seminars that we would be attending or which organizational meetings that we would be attending?

SENATOR HALL: They would take care of the travel policy, correct.

SENATOR WITEK: As head of the Executive Board, do you, will you be approving any reimbursements for ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Witek, this would not impact me. I mean, I...if I'm to come back to the Legislature, the voters see fit